

## Chapter 23

### JUNK, SECONDHAND ARTICLES\*

#### **Sec. 23-1. Defi ni tion.**

For the purposes of this chapter the word “junk” shall be held to mean and include any kind of secondhand articles, rags, rag cullings, bones, bottles, puer, scrap, metals, metal drosses, steel, iron, old lead pipe, automobile parts or accessories, old bathroom fixtures, old rubber, old clothes, shoes and any other item commonly known as junk.

#### **Sec. 23-2. Pur chase from mi nor.**

It shall be unlawful for any junk dealer, or his agent or employee, or any junk collector, to buy or receive, either directly or indirectly, from any minor, any junk without written permission from the legal parent or guardian of such minor. (Code 1959, § 19-1)

#### **Sec. 23-3. Reg is ter of pur chases—Re quired.**

Every junk dealer and every junk collector shall keep a register, which shall contain the name of the person from whom any junk is purchased or received, the date when received, and when purchased, the residence or place of business of such person from whom such goods are bought or received, and a full description of such articles or materials so purchased or received. (Code 1959, § 19-2)

#### **Sec. 23-4. Same—In spec tion by po lice.**

Every junk dealer and junk collector shall allow any officer of the police department of the city to examine and inspect his register of purchases at any time. (Code 1959, § 19-3)

#### **Sec. 23-5. In spec tion of goods, etc.**

If sufficient information cannot be gained from inspection of the register of purchases by any officer of the police department of the city, the junk dealer or junk collector required to keep such register, or his agent, shall, upon request of any officer of the police department, permit and allow such officer to examine and inspect any and all goods, wares, merchandise or materials belonging to or temporarily left in charge of such junk dealer or junk collector. (Code 1959, § 19-6)

#### **Sec. 23-6. Spe cial rec ords.**

(a) Dealers in the following articles and items shall prepare a record of all such goods acquired by him from other than a licensed dealer:

- (1) Wearing apparel of any nature.
- (2) Automobile tires, parts, accessories or equipment of any kind of character.
- (3) Furniture, rugs, curtains, shades, pictures or other furnishings of a similar character.

(b) Such records shall contain a brief description of each article so acquired, when the same was acquired and the name, race and address of the person from whom the same was acquired.

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\***Charter reference**—Authority to regulate junk dealers, § 38(3).

**Cross reference**—License fee for junk dealers, § 36-61.

(c) Any such dealer may be required to document all such sales or acquisitions to the police department upon their request, and such records shall be made available for inspection by any officer of the police department upon request. (Code 1959, §§ 9-7—9-9)

**Sec. 23-7. Pawn brokers.**

Sections 54-4000 through 54-4014, Code of Virginia, regulating and controlling pawnbrokers are hereby adopted by reference and shall be enforced within the city. (Ord. No. O-98-226, 10-27-98)

**Cross reference**—License fee for pawnbrokers, § 36-69.